

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 388

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to recognize Arthur M. Webb on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Arthur M. Webb is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-two years as a Christian counselor with the Watauga Baptist Association Counseling Ministry; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as Director of the Cross-Roads Alcohol and Drug Association in Elizabethton and as a Volunteer Chaplain to the Carter County Sheriff's Office, with endorsement from the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb will be taking a much deserved retirement from the Counseling Ministry in May of 2009 and he will be sorely missed by his colleagues, his friends, and the people whose lives he has touched in his years as a counselor there; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Arthur Webb became the founding counselor of the Watauga Baptist Association's Counseling Ministry, the first of its kind in Tennessee; since the founding of the Counseling Ministry, Mr. Webb has donated more than two million dollars in services to Ministry clients, who themselves pay no fees for the help they receive; and

WHEREAS, scores of student counselors from East Tennessee State University, and other schools have completed their practicums under Mr. Webb's capable guidance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb has developed a counseling ministry that serves people from all walks of life, and he has never discriminated against a client because of religion, race, ethnicity, gender, age, or level of disability; and

WHEREAS, thanks to his efforts and his consistent professionalism, the Watauga Baptist Association's Counseling Ministry enjoys an excellent reputation among the people of the Ministry's service area, which includes Johnson and Carter Counties; referrals from the court system, the Department of Human Services, and various other agencies are common; and

WHEREAS, although Mr. Webb has served as a part-time counselor, he typically devotes thirty to forty hours each week to his clients and the work of the Ministry; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being an ordained Baptist minister, Mr. Webb holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Divinity degree from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, a charter member of the American Association of Christian Counselors, he is a Licensed Professional Counselor as well as a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Webb is a former pastor and United States Army Chaplain; he served as the III Corps Plans, Programs, and Training Chaplain for the seven major units of Fort Hood, where he supervised sixty-five chaplains and sixty-five chapel activities specialists; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb also served as the Division Chaplain for the 2nd Armored Division, an Instructor at the U. S. Army Signal School, and the Brigade Chaplain to three thousand soldiers and family members while stationed in Germany; and

WHEREAS, his retirement will allow Mr. Webb to spend more time with his beloved wife, JoAnn, a retired registered nurse, and the rest of his family, and he plans to pursue other ministry opportunities as well; and

WHEREAS, throughout Mr. Webb's estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, friends, and clients; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Arthur M. Webb our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.